FIFTH, that:

— Participation in the East Asia Summit will be based on the criteria for participation established by ASEAN;

— The East Asia Summit will be convened regularly;

— The East Asia Summit will be hosted and chaired by an ASEAN Member Country that assumes the ASEAN Chairmanship and held back-to-back with the annual ASEAN Summit; and

— The modalities of the East Asia Summit will be reviewed by ASEAN and all other participating countries of the East Asia Summit.

SIGNED at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on the Fourteenth Day of December in the Year Two Thousand and Five.

Resolving J&K issue with Pakistan

425. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether US Congressman Dan Burton visited India recently and held discussions with representative of Jammu and Kashmir on the question of resolving that issue with Pakistan;

(b) whether a representative of Government of India also participated in these talks; and

(c) if not, in what capacity was the Chief information Commissioner of India Shri Wajahat Habibullah present in these talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) US Congressman Dan Burton led a 7-member delegation of the US Congress to India from 27-30 November, 2005. It is Government's understanding that while the US Congressional delegation was in India, the US Charge d'Affaires hosted a social event in honour of the delegation on 28 November, 2005 that was attended by some personalities from Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) No representative of Government participated in this event.

(c) Chief Information Commissioner Shri Wajahat Habibullah was also reportedly present at this event organized by the US Embassy in his individual capacity.